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NEW COMMAND REVEALS OPEN U.S. INTERVENTION

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0230 GMT 14 October 1964--F

(Text) It has been reported that open and unmasked political intervention by the United States in Venezuela continues, in violation of the national sovereignty and independence, and with the approval of the Leon government, which announced that a group of Cuban counterrevolutionaries and U.S. soldiers from South Vietnam will make up a new repressive force called the "Joint Operations Command." This repressive force is commanded by a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel named Miller. Other U.S. specialists in guerrilla tactics will work with him in these interventions.

The "Joint Operations Command," the new repressive group organized by the Yankee interventionists in Venezuela, is made up of Cuban mercenary worms and U.S. soldiers, who will carry out antiguerilla operations. It was announced that these Yankee interventionist commandos have orders not to take prisoners and to mutilate the bodies of (captives?) so that they will not be identified.

EL POPULAR REPORTS EXECUTIONS BY DIGEPOL

Montevideo Correspondent's Dispatch in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana 1730 GMT 13 October 1964--E (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Text) Montevideo--The newspaper EL POPULAR, in a special article detained Caracas, reports the execution of several political prisoners by DIGEPOL members in Venezuela. The communist newspaper states that the murder of the political prisoners took place in Cupria, Miranda State, and that their bodies were found later "with evident signs that they were savagely tortured, before being murdered in a cowardly manner." Sociologist Victor Soto Rojas and worker Trino Barrios--distinguished members of the Leftist Revolutionary Movement (MIR)--were among the murdered persons.

The daily says that the prisoners "were turned over by the sinister political police--the DIGEPOL--to Capt. Hector Pena Pena, the commander of the National Guard Bolivar battalion, which operates in the eastern guerrilla zone. The paper adds that the execution order carried out by Captain Pena Pena was issued by the Defense Ministry and the DIGEPOL through Captain Vegas, a DIGEPOL member.

According to EL POPULAR, the bodies of Soto Rojas and Trino Barrios, riddled with machinegun bullets, were found by relatives after a search of several jails in Caracas and other cities.

Then the newspaper states that the antiguerilla operations of the Army, National Guard, and the DIGEPOL "in several peasant areas are conducted with the advice of the U.S. military mission in Venezuela and that in many cases the actions against the guerrillas and peasants are personally led by U.S. military agents and CIA members."

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